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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 20, 2003, Applicants elect the invention defined by the Examiner as the species depicted in Figure 29. Applicants submit that claims 1-17, 19 and 21-25 read on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to pursue claims for the remaining inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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